

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: VACATION RESOLUTION

ISSUE:

The vacation complies with Section 8335 of the Streets and Highways Code. Any exceptions or unusual circumstances are described in the individual recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Resolution No. A-858 – 3-Sac-5-PM 23.5 (Request No. 56071) – 2 Segments

Vacates the public's right to use roadway connectors in the City of Sacramento, along Interstate 5 (I-5) between N Street and Capitol Mall and between Capitol Mall and L Street. The connectors were constructed around 1964 as part of the I-5 freeway project. At the time, Capitol Mall (formerly State Route 6 which was signposted as U.S. 40) was the principal route for traffic traveling between Sacramento and San Francisco resulting in high volumes of inter-regional and local traffic using the same corridor. Upon completion of the freeway system in Sacramento, inter-regional traffic on Capitol Mall was almost completely eliminated. Traffic operation studies have concluded that these connectors are no longer necessary. The connectors are currently maintained by the City of Sacramento and reimbursed by Caltrans. Terminating the public's right to use the connectors creates excess land that can be combined with other excess parcels and sold.

The City of Sacramento's General Plan designates parcels to the north and south of the connectors as parks-recreation-open space. The current zoning is C-3. The C-3 zone is intended for intense retail, commercial and office development with no height restrictions. The parcels' designation and zoning appear to be in conflict, and development will depend on resolution with the City planning department.

The Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission approve Vacation Resolution A-858, subject to the sale of related excess parcels to be presented for Action at the March 2005 Commission meeting.